

**GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.**

**Railroad Business Lively.**

The Wells-Fargo Express Company has opened an office at the Rock Island station and is already doing business.

A through stock train has been scheduled to leave Versailles for St. Louis Sundays and Wednesdays at 12:30 p. m. to be run through on fast time.

Track-laying will be pushed west of this city but owing to bridge work at several places, it will be two or three months before traffic will be opened beyond Versailles.

Messrs. Budd and Hulson came in from Belle Tuesday morning. Mr. Budd is roadmaster on the Rock Island and was looking up the chances for water, for the construction crew, west of Versailles.

To accommodate stockmen who wished to ship stock over the Rock Island, the Company last week erected temporary stock pens out of railroad ties which will serve the purpose until substantial pens can be built near the depot.

The Rock Island will erect a fine brick depot building and warehouse in Versailles which will be up to date in every detail. Windsor is to have a brick depot also, these being the only brick structures between Union and Kansas City.

The Stubbs-Flick-Johnson construction Company had a large number of teams employed during the past week loading their railroad building equipment on the Rock Island. The teams hauled the heavy material into this city from Salem where this Company has been at work.

Business on the Rock Island has opened up in pretty lively shape and the whistles of the trains can be heard almost any hour, day or night. At the depot on North Campbell Street, H. G. Chalfant, formerly of Linn Creek, has been installed as agent, and his family will move to Versailles as soon as he can secure a house to move into.

A local freight leaves here at 7 a. m., running to Belle and another comes in at 4 p. m. This local will carry passengers. Passenger schedule at present is as follows: Train No. 102 leaves Versailles at 10:15 a. m., arriving in St. Louis at 5:55. No. 101 leaves St. Louis at 8:00 a. m., arriving at Versailles at 4:05 p. m. Sundays the regular train out of Versailles will leave at 1:30 p. m.

General Superintendent W. E. Morse, of the St. Louis-Kansas City Extension, made a tour over the line last week in his special car and was in Versailles on Thursday night making general observations as to the line's traffic facilities. He was accompanied by his wife, and A. J. Gorg, a prominent citizen of Union. Superintendent Morse was well pleased with the outlook of the road at this point and was surprised at the demands already made for stock shipments from Versailles for which adequate facilities will be made at once.

We are in receipt of a beautiful booklet issued by the Missouri Pacific Railway System, which is indeed a work of art, containing twenty-four pages and cover, descriptive of the route of the Missouri Pacific and Denver and Rio Grande to Greenwood Springs, situated in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, in Colorado. The scenes reproduced in the booklet are simply elegant, and produce, on the part of the acute observer, a longing desire to see in person the rare scenes pictured illustrating the wonderful beauties surrounding the famous mountain health resort. No more healthy or picturesque point can be found in the west for those seeking a change of climate than Greenwood Hot Springs, reached via the Missouri Pacific.

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**About Missouri Apples.**

In Missouri to-day there are five apple trees for every man, woman and child in the state. This means that the number is 20,000,000 apple trees, and that Missouri has 5,000,000 more than has Illinois, which is now second in this regard. This is also twice as many trees as the state had ten years ago. When, in the beginning of the season, the Missouri World's Fair Commission decided to put on cold storage 1,000 barrels of Missouri apples, some apprehension was felt as to the possibility of the project. Comparatively very few apples were raised in the state this year and many leading orchardists thought it would be impossible to collect that amount. Superintendent L. A. Goodman, of the Department of Horticulture, says, however, that the feat has been accomplished readily. Mr. Goodman says that he might with ease have increased the collection. In making canvass of orchards, never was there a large quantity forthcoming from one orchard, but the exceeding great number of Missouri trees made the 1,000 barrels possible.

At the meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural Society at Columbia last week, some one suggested the possibility of an overstocked apple market as a futurity. The horticulturists decided that it was out of the question. While almost every other staple agricultural product has cheapened in the past forty years, the price of apples has increased, for although the apple acreage of the United States has increased 15 per cent in ten years, the population has increased 31 per cent. In addition to this, a large foreign market is being opened for American apples, a market that has doubled itself each year for five years.

**Women Corn Huskers.**

The scriptural story of "Ruth, the Gleaner," with some little variation, was re-enacted in Sedalia Thursday of last week when ten women went into a cornfield near that city and worked for several hours gathering corn.

The ladies were all members of the East Broadway Christian Church of Sedalia, and their work was done for the benefit of the church. D. J. Williams, owner of the field, had promised to give them all the corn they could gather in the afternoon, and also furnished them dinner. They gathered forty bushels which was afterward sold at fifty cents per bushel.

A number of church women of Marshall Friday followed the example set for them the day before by the ladies of Sedalia, and went to the fields, husking a load of corn, sold it at a good price, for the benefit of their church.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says: "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by Witten Drug Co. Every box warranted.

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**Educational Matters.**

[From State Superintendent W. T. Carlington.]

The present year will long be remembered for the number of excellent school buildings erected in the State. Never before has there been half as much spent for school buildings in one year.

Without exception, so far as known, the recent county teachers' associations have met with hearty endorsement of our teachers. The large attendance, an average of more than 90 per cent of the actual teaching force, indicates that directors and patrons cheerfully encouraged teachers to attend. Good results will follow.

What authority has the teacher over the conduct of the pupils on the way to and from school? There are several court decisions which may be summed up in the following statement: The conduct of the pupils on the way to and from school may be controlled by rules touching matters that reach within the school room and are detrimental to the good order and best interests of the school. The rules of the school cannot control the conduct of pupils after they return home and are under the parental eye. The teacher is responsible for all conduct on the way from school. The parent is responsible for conduct on the way to school, unless such conduct affects the school.

Publishers of text books, some of whom have contracts with the State, are encouraging teachers and school boards to use other than the adopted text books. Many teachers are willing to do this. All this tends to prove the position taken by the State Superintendent in his last report that the list of adopted text books needs revision for both economic and educational reasons. Teachers and directors must comply strictly with the law until said law is changed. Publishers are working for

advantage when the time comes for changes to be made legally. They know that a book in use in several large cities will have strong support for adoption. Opposition to uniformity desires confusion and dissatisfaction.

What a difference! The writer recently visited two rural schools not ten miles apart. The one had a sixty dollar teacher for an eight months' term. The other had a thirty dollar teacher for a four months' term. The one was neat, orderly, inspiring, happy. The other was dingy, chaotic, depressing, nervous. The one resembled, inside and outside, a well kept cottage home. The other resembled a sheep barn on the frontier. What of the results on the children? The one disciplines, cultivates, refines by its very atmosphere. The other—well, perhaps, the community would fare better without it. One of these is in a county that has had county supervision for several years. The other is in a county that has voted against supervision several times.

**Change of Firm.**

The partnership heretofore existing between John F. Gibbs and Sam R. Price under the firm name of Gibbs & Price, Abstracters, Land, Loan and Insurance Agents was dissolved December 1, 1903. Sam R. Price retiring and John F. Gibbs continuing the business at the old stand.

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